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In Re Application of:

MARIO CONTORNI

Application No.: 10/593,007

Filing Date: December 2, 2008

Title: COMBINATION VACCINES WITH LOW DOSE OF HIB CONJUGATE

Examiner: Li, Bao Q.

Group Art Unit: 1648

Confirmation No.: 6488

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2009, for which a response is initially due January 29, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Examiner required election of one of the following species: (A) CRM₁₉₇ carrier; (B) tetanus toxoid carrier; and (C) outer membrane complex of *N. meningitidis* carrier.

Applicant elects to proceed with species (A), CRM₁₉₇ carrier. All elected claims read on this species. It is to be understood that the election of species is for the purposes of preliminary search and examination only, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species. Applicant also understands that withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all

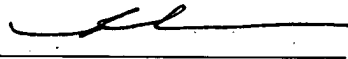
the limitations of allowable product claims will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04.

Please direct all further written communications regarding this application to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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